



## YOUTH PROTECTION

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Subject to change at any time.

The adult coach application requests background information that should be checked by the WWAA Board before accepting an applicant for unit Coachship. While no current screening techniques exist that can identify every potential child abuser, we can reduce the risk of accepting a child abuser by learning all we can about an applicant for a Coachship position—his or her experience with children, why he or she wants to be a Youth Coach, and what discipline techniques he or she would use.

Background link:

<https://www08.8f7.com/4DACTION/WebAppOrderEntryOneSource/2737>

WWAA has adopted the “Two-Deep Coaching”

- ***Two-deep Coaching is required at all times, on or off WWAA fields.*** A minimum of two registered adult Coaches — or one registered Coach and a participating player’s parent or another adult — is required for all Practices and Games. One of these adults must be 21 years of age or older.
- ***One-on-one contact between adults and youth members is prohibited.*** In situations requiring a personal conference, such as a batting or pitching talks, the meeting is to be conducted with the knowledge and in view of other adults and/or youth.
- ***The policies of two-deep Coaching and no one-on-one contact between adults and youth members also apply to digital communication.*** Coaches may not have one-on-one private online communications or engage one-on-one in other digital activities (games, social media, etc.) with youth members. Coaches should copy a parent and another Coach in digital and online communication, ensuring no one-on-one contact takes place in text, social media, or other forms of online or digital communication.

The WWAA has great appreciation for all its Board Members and their tireless efforts to provide opportunities for participation in WWAA baseball and Softball.

Communication, flexibility, and patience will be key in supporting our participants as they pursue the WWAA Baseball and Softball Season. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Let’s Play Ball!

WWAA Board